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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, UK

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO MARGARET THATCHER

REF: LONDON 2201

1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT PRESIDENT SEND MARGARET THATCHER BRIEF CONGRATULATORY NOTE ON HER ELECTION AS LEADER OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED DRAFT:

2. DEAR MRS. THATCHER, HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR ELECTION AS LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY. IT IS A HIGH HONOR WHICH, IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR TALENTS AND PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, HAS BEEN BESTOWED UPON YOU BY YOUR COLLEAGUES. I KNOW THAT IT IS ALSO A POSITION WHICH REQUIRES DEDICATION, HARD WORK, AND A HIGH SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. IN CARRYING OUT YOUR NEW DUTIES, I SEND YOU ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WARMEST REGARDS AND ALL GOOD WISHES. SINCERELY YOURS.

3. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL FOR TRANSMITTAL OF ABOVE OR REVISED TEXT AND INSTRUCTIONS AS TO RELEASE OF TEXT.

4. FYI. TECHNICALLY MRS. THATCHER DOES NOT BECOME LEADER OF THE PARTY UNTIL FEBRUARY 20, WHEN A RITE OF CONFIRMATION TAKES PLACE IN THE PRESENCE OF MP'S, CONSER-
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VATIVE PEERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTY. EMBASSY

BELIEVES, HOWEVER, LETTER SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED UNTIL
THEN, ALTHOUGH TEXT COULD BE APPROPRIATELY RELEASED AT
THAT TIME. END FYI.

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